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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8213**  
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Serial No. 10/549,324 : Group Art Unit 1795  
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COMPOSITE PROCESSING : **Mail Stop: AF**  
APPARATUS AND METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 21, 2009, please amend  
the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: